

EXHIBIT 17
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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Penny Burkstrand and I live in a 1971 trailer, 600 17th Ave S Lot 7, and the ceiling is coming in and lots of other things are wrong with it. I have been trying to fix it up but have not been able to afford what the workmen want. It has been weatherized but the walls are thin and it costs so much to heat. I am a single mother on disability. I need help with my windows too. I have emphysema and COPD just cannot afford lots of work on this trailer with the needs of my teenage son and my medical stuff also, and car repairs, it is just over the top financially, most times.

My sister Joy, lives in a trailer 1959 and it is I think 40feet long, 600 17th Ave S, lot 10. The front door on that one is wood slats and the weather just comes right through. It costs her the same to heat hers in the winter as it does for me to heat mine that is bigger. It really needs some serious help too but she helps take care of her six grandkids at times and they stay with her at times. Joy could never afford repairs because she is busy trying to help feed and clothe the kids of her daughter and is trying to work full time in a casino to make ends meet. It is very hard for her.

I hope something can happen to help people with these older trailers so they don't burn down or get blown down with the next big storm. They just rock in the wind.

Please help and thank you for listening,

Penny Burkstrand

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